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DO**MIX IT UP****22thirty9**2239 S. Michigan Ave.
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Add some glam to your Thursday at Urban Fêtes' #MixandMingle bash which features a performance by neo-soul singer Ben Official, appetizers, live canvas and body painting, music by DJ Ransom and Chris III and a cash bar. 7 p.m.-midnight. No cover. RSVP required: events@urbanfetes.com.

PUNK LIT**Beauty Bar**

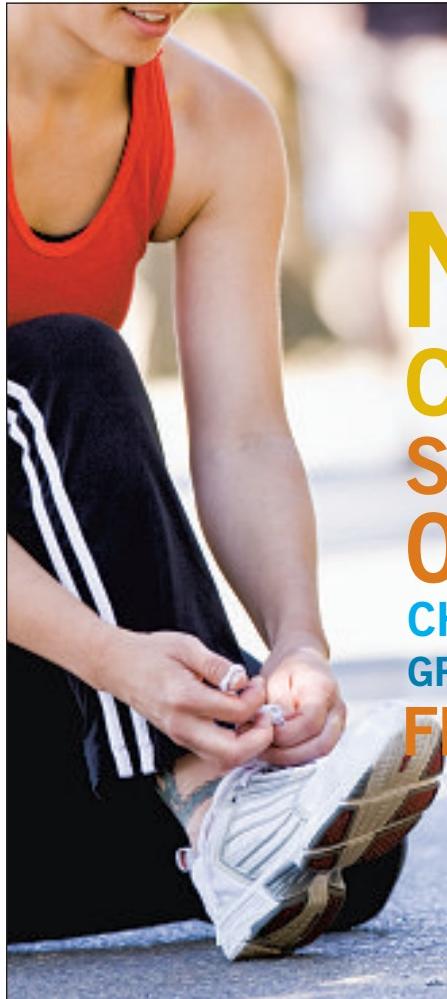
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Rock out for reading at the Punks Promoting Prison Literacy show, which features readings interspersed with performances by four rock bands. Door proceeds benefit San Quentin Prison's Yard Time Literacy Project, taught to inmates by "Operation Family Secrets" biographers Kent and Keith Zimmerman. 7 p.m. \$5.

DRINK**PEOPLE'S CHOICE**
A. J. Hudson's Public House

3801 N. Ashland Ave. 773-348-2767

Your vote counts at the Draft (Beer) Pick Tasting, where you sample six core beer offerings from Brooklyn-based Sixpoint Brewery—Sweet Action, Righteous Ale, Bengali Tiger, The Crisp, Resin and Brownstone—and select your favorite. The winning brew goes on tap at the bar. 7-9 p.m.

**REDEYE TIP OF THE DAY**» The Chicago Jazz Festival kicks off tonight: explorechicago.org.

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EAT**BRIGHT LIGHTS,****BIG CHICKEN****Sheffield's**3258 N. Sheffield Ave.
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Grab some smoked fried chicken (\$10) and a \$4 Lagunitas draft at the Fugly Chandelier Contest, where designs for ugly lighting fixtures are judged (9 p.m.) and the "winner" gets hung in the Lagunitas Chicago Brew-Works tasting room, which opens on the South Side this fall. 7 p.m.-midnight. No cover.

**IDOL TIME****The Plaza at Park Grill**11 N. Michigan Ave.
312-521-7275

"American Idol" Season 10 finalist and Chicagoland native Casey Abrams headlines the final Party in the Park show in support of his new self-titled album. The event also includes raffles, giveaways, Bud Light Lime specials (\$6 pints; \$11 32-ounce drafts) and an opening set by Canadian country-rock duo He Said, She Said. 4-6:30 p.m. No cover.

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UNPRECEDENTED ONE OF THE WORST WEST NILE VIRUS OUTBREAKS UNDER WAY

Reuters

DALLAS The number of West Nile virus infections in the U.S. has jumped more than 60 percent in the past week in what federal officials say is one of the country's biggest-ever outbreaks of the disease.

The Centers for Disease Control said on Wednesday that 1,118 cases and 41 deaths had been reported so far this year, up from fewer than 700 cases and 26 deaths just one week ago.

That is the highest number of West Nile virus infections reported through the third week of August since the virus was first detected in the U.S. in 1999, the CDC said. The worst U.S. outbreak occurred in 2003, with 9,862 cases and 264 deaths.

"We're in the midst of one of the largest West Nile virus outbreaks ever seen in the United States," said Dr. Lyle Petersen, director of the division of vector-borne infectious diseases for the CDC.

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Federal officials are stumped by the severity of the outbreak.

Cases usually flare up in the summer because the illness is most often transmitted from infected birds to people by mosquitoes.

Victims may suffer fever and aches that can become severe or even cause death, especially in the elderly, children and other at-risk groups. There is no specific treatment for the infection.

Symptoms are often mild and many stricken people do not see a doctor, meaning cases likely are underreported.

More than half of this year's cases are in Texas, but the disease now has been detected in 47 states, and 38 states have reported cases in humans, with only Alaska, Hawaii and Vermont reporting no cases.

About 75 percent of the cases have been in Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma and South Dakota, officials said.

Nationwide, 56 percent of cases are of the more serious type that can cause paralysis, meningitis or encephalitis, the CDC said. The remaining 44 percent are the milder form of West Nile fever.

Hot weather a culprit?

Reuters

Officials said they were uncertain why this year's outbreak has been so severe. A mild winter, a hot summer and other factors such as fluctuations in the bird population are contributors, officials said.

Dallas, where a health state of emergency was declared this month, is experiencing an unprecedented epidemic.

Latest figures show there have been 640 cases of the disease in Texas. State health officials said 23 people had died, including 15 in north Texas.

"Dallas has been hardest hit," said Dr. David Lakey, commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services.

So far, 11 deaths have been reported in Dallas County this year, compared with 10 in the period between 2003—when the disease first was detected in Dallas—and 2011.

Aerial pesticide spraying in the city of Dallas and surrounding cities has been under way since last week.

Officials are bracing for more cases because West Nile peaks in mid-August and lasts through September. There often is a lag between the time of infection and the appearance of symptoms.

Symptoms of the deadliest form of West Nile include headache, high fever, coma, neck stiffness, disorientation and paralysis. West Nile fever symptoms include fever, headache, body ache, swollen glands and sometimes a body rash, medical authorities said.



Technicians with the Contra Costa County mosquito and vector control district spray insecticide in Brentwood, Calif.
GETTY IMAGES

Distraction is a delicious side dish



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Between texting, Yelping, tweeting, Instagramming and coming up with a good line for a Facebook check-in (don't judge), distracted dining has become the new norm and, let me tell you, I am all for it.

But it looks like one restaurant owner is trying to change our dining etiquette. According to a recent CNN story, a restaur-

rant in L.A. is offering customers a 5 percent discount to check their phones at the door to be more in the moment with their meal, and with each other.

Huh. Back to the basics? Back to the days when people gathered at the table, talked about their days and savored their food? Hold the phone, man! Do they seriously think they can tempt me with a deal to focus on my fellow diners instead of the phone screen? Psssh. Please.

Eating on the run. Snacking at my desk. Noshing in front of the TV. Beer in the shower. Coffee on the treadmill. Multitasking. THIS is my life.

"Texting," "liking" everyone's pics, tweeting, uploading, deleting, cropping and everything else I do to keep myself from doing what I'm supposed to be doing, with whoever I am supposed to be doing it with—that's the only way I know how to survive. Why would they try to take it all away, especially at a fine dining establishment?

I'm wired, and I am not ashamed. My phone sleeps next to me, and it will eat next to me. If a restaurant offered 5 percent off for toupee removal or 10 percent off for bringing in all my unpaid parking tickets, then yeah, you got my business. I think I would become physically ill if they tried to take my cellphone away during dinner. Not from the food, but from the separation anxiety. I HAVE to check in on Facebook or tweet about the deliciousness of my food. Humans should never be separated from phones or their News Feeds. My mom even knows that now (after she tried hiding my cell and I threw a tantrum). Why even take that risk?

Never mind those other humans at your table. And what do you do if your phone IS more interesting than your dinner date? Frowny face.

So, what I think about all of this—what I REALLY think—is ... tap, tap, tap ... and what I was trying to say is that when you go to a restaurant, you want to enjoy a really good ... tap, tap, tap ... yeah, sorry, so, when I am in a restaurant I should be focused on ... tap, tap, tap ... and with friends there it should only be ... tap, tap, tap ... wait lemme just send this real quick ... oh yessss my food's here ... tap, tap ... let's eat ... tap, tap ... ahhh one more pic of that pot pie to upload for Instagram ...

—Sent from my iPhone.

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TUMBLR THURSDAY

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Need a breather from all of the politics in the air this week? We've got you covered. Kick back and peruse a few of these classic Tumblr blogs you should have already been following. —JESSICA GALLIART, REDEYESOCIALMEDIA LADY



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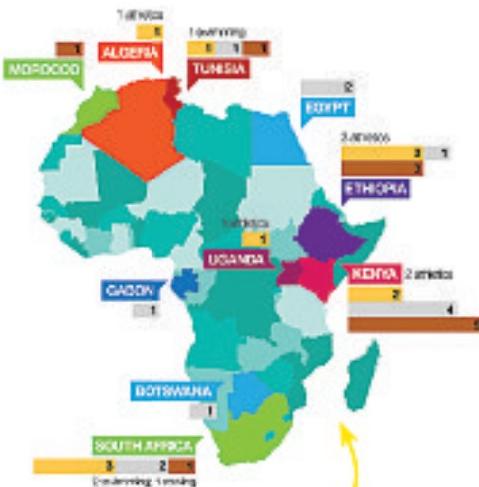
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You've seen the videos, the highlights of which came from the circus of ads from Republican candidates for president in the past year. Now follow the Tumblr.

Better Book Titles

[betterbooktitles.com](#)

Ever wanted a book's title to be a little more to-the-point? Posts on the Tumblr replace titles on cover images with more straightforward ones. Example: Simply titling a collection of "Peanuts" comics "Sad, Depressing Children and Their Many Many Failures." Of course this Tumblr has a book deal, which you can take advantage of Sept. 24.



[Bleep] Yeah Michael Jackson

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Wednesday would have been the King of Pop's 54th birthday. What better way to honor the icon than with some reblogs of vintage GIFs from his years on top?

I Love Charts

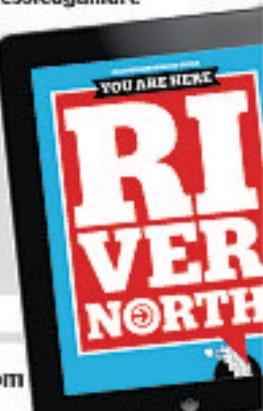
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You like charts, and these guys love charts. Follow this Tumblr for a careful curation of some of the best ones on the Web as they relate to politics, everyday how-tos, "Breaking Bad" and more.

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CTU President Karen Lewis addresses the media Wednesday at the union office. AMANDO L. SANCHEZ/TRIBUNE

Teachers file strike notice

Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Teachers Union on Wednesday filed a 10-day strike notice, meaning a teacher walkout could begin after the majority of the city's students finish their first week of school.

The union and CPS have been in talks for months but have failed to reach agreement on a number of matters, among them salary, pay hikes based on experience, a re-hiring policy for teachers who've been laid off and job evaluations.

Union delegates last week overwhelmingly gave CTU President Karen Lewis approval

to file a 10-day strike notice when she saw fit. While largely symbolic, the vote made clear teachers' continuing dissatisfaction with what CPS is offering them.

The teachers have remained angry with CPS administration and Mayor Emanuel even after a deal on the longer school day in which the district agreed to hire 477 teachers who had been laid off. That allowed teachers to work the same number of hours even though students are in school longer.

CPS has budgeted as much as \$25 million for a strike contingency plan. District spokes-

WHAT'S IT MEAN?

The walkout notice does not mean the union will necessarily strike in 10 days, even if a contract agreement is not reached in that time. But it figures to ratchet up the pressure on both sides to come together.

woman Becky Carroll said CPS is intent on providing a "safe and engaging" environment for as many of the district's 402,000 students as possible.

EXPRESS LINES

» A monthlong resurfacing project for parts of North Lake Shore Drive begins Wednesday, although the work will be done during off-peak hours to minimize traffic problems, according to the Chicago Department of Transportation. Eventually, all four lanes of both directions will be resurfaced on two portions of the Drive: between Sheridan Road and Foster Avenue and between Belmont and North avenues—a total of 2.75 miles of roadway.

» The defense rested in the Drew Peterson trial Wednesday without calling the defendant to testify. Thomas Drew Peterson, Kathleen Savio's 19-year-old son with Drew, testified earlier in the day, saying "I believe my dad is innocent."

» Police wounded a gunman Tuesday after seeing him fatally shoot a man late in Gresham, police union officials said. TRIBUNE



LIVE FROM THE RNC

What's really going on at the Republican National Convention? John Giokaris, political director of the Chicago Young Republicans, is in Tampa, Fla., giving RedEye a behind-the-scenes peek at the event.

The convention is rolling now! The question everyone is buzzing about: Who is the mystery guest speaker Thursday? I don't have a clue, but I've heard speculation ranging from Sarah Palin to Tim Tebow.



While I was really looking forward to Chris Christie's speech Tuesday, I was surprised how much everyone was talking about Ann Romney's speech instead. All night I kept hearing, "She may have just won the election for us."



After that, I headed to the Young Republican National Federation alumni party at the Green Iguana. Saw Kid Rock there. He, Journey, Lynyrd Skynyrd, 3 Doors Down and Zac Brown Band are all headlining concerts here all week. Rock on!

NEXT WEEK

Democratic National Convention in Charlotte, N.C.

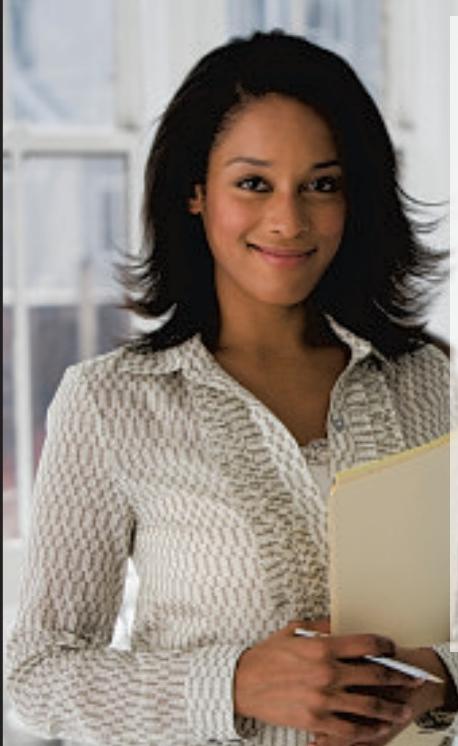


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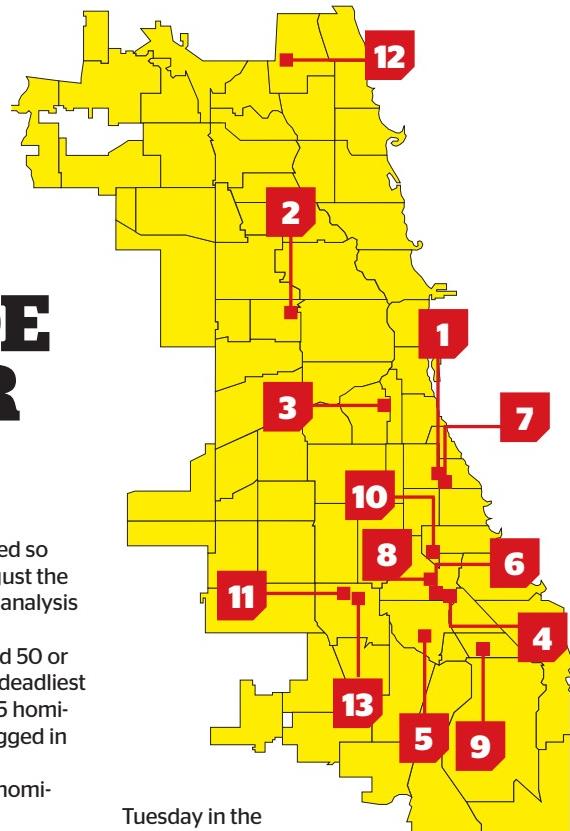
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Homicides

from Aug. 22 to 4 p.m.
Wednesday. All have 1 victim
except Sacramento and St.
Lawrence locations with two.



HOMICIDE TRACKER

By Tracy Swartz

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Fifty-five homicides have been recorded so far this month in Chicago, making August the deadliest month of the year, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

Two other months this year recorded 50 or more homicides: March and May. The deadliest month last year was July, which saw 55 homicides. Thirty-seven homicides were logged in August 2011.

In the last week, Chatham saw four homicides in two days, RedEye data shows.

Two men, ages 18 and 20, were shot to death Saturday in the 7900 block of South St. Lawrence Avenue, police said. One day earlier, a 17-year-old man was fatally shot in the 7900 block of South Drexel Avenue and a 34-year-old man in the 8800 block of South Prairie Avenue, according to officials.

Chatham has logged nine homicides so far this year, RedEye data shows. The South Side community area recorded 15 homicides last year.

In Auburn Gresham, two men were shot to death in two days in separate incidents this week. A 31-year-old man was fatally shot

Tuesday in the 7800 block of South Marshfield Avenue, and a 24-year-old man was shot to death Wednesday in the 8000 block of South Bishop Street.

Citywide, gunshot homicides were recorded in the last week in Bridgeport, Calumet Heights, East Garfield Park, Grand Boulevard, Greater Grand Crossing, Kenwood and Woodlawn, according to data.

Meanwhile, a 64-year-old man and a 48-year-old woman were found stabbed to death Tuesday in the 6400 block of North Sacramento Avenue in West Ridge, police said.

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Date: Aug. 25 Cause: Gunshot |
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| 10 | 600 BLOCK OF E. 67TH ST.
Date: Aug. 26 Cause: Gunshot |
| 11 | 7800 BLOCK OF S. MARSHFIELD AVE.
Date: Aug. 28 Cause: Gunshot |
| 12 | 6400 BLOCK OF N. SACRAMENTO AVE.
Date: Aug. 28 Cause: Stabbing |
| 13 | 8000 BLOCK OF S. BISHOP ST.
Date: Aug. 29 Cause: Gunshot |



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1 Amsterdam airport reopens after scare

Amsterdam's Schiphol airport, one of Europe's busiest transport hubs, reopened its runways and terminals Wednesday afternoon after a World War II bomb found on the site was removed and reports of a hijacking proved unfounded.

REUTERS PHOTO

2 Man sentenced in boy's murder

A man was sentenced Wednesday to at least 40 years in prison for the grisly murder of an 8-year-old boy who got lost on his first walk home alone from camp in their close-knit Orthodox Jewish neighborhood in Brooklyn.

3 News chief fired for Romney remark

Yahoo News fired Washington bureau chief David Chalian after he said Wednesday during an online video broadcast from Tampa, Fla., that GOP nominee Mitt Romney and his wife Ann did not care about black people suffering in the wake of Hurricane Isaac.

4 Shooter's band playing festival

A month after a white supremacist opened fire in a Wisconsin Sikh temple, killing six people, a Pennsylvania-based skinhead group has announced a music festival that will feature the shooter's former band.

5 Teen charged as an adult in shooting

A 15-year-old boy suspected of shooting a fellow student on the first day of classes at a Baltimore-area high school has been charged with first-degree attempted murder, but police say they do not know the motive for what apparently was a well-planned attack.

6 21 executed in Baghdad

Iraqi authorities executed 21 people, including three women, after they were convicted of terrorism and spent months on death row, the nation's Ministry of Justice reported Tuesday.

Ryan's coming-out party

7 TAMPA, Fla. Paul Ryan promised Wednesday that he and Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney would make the tough choices needed to lead an economic turnaround that would generate jobs, cut government spending and revitalize small businesses.

Ryan accepted his nomination as Romney's running mate at the Republican convention, drawing repeated roars from delegates with promises to challenge President Obama's economic policies.

A fiscal conservative and budget expert, Ryan said the White House race would offer "the clearest possible choice" at the Nov. 6

election about possible economic remedies.

"Before the math and the momentum overwhelm us all, we are going to solve this nation's economic problems," Ryan said in a speech that served as the little-known Wisconsin congressman's introduction to voters.

"We will not duck the tough issues—we will lead. We will not spend four years blaming others—we will take responsibility," he said. "So here's the question: Without a change in leadership, why would the next four years be any different from the last four years?"

Romney's selection of Ryan, chairman of the House of Representatives Budget Committee, has energized party conservatives

POLL SHOWS DEAD HEAT

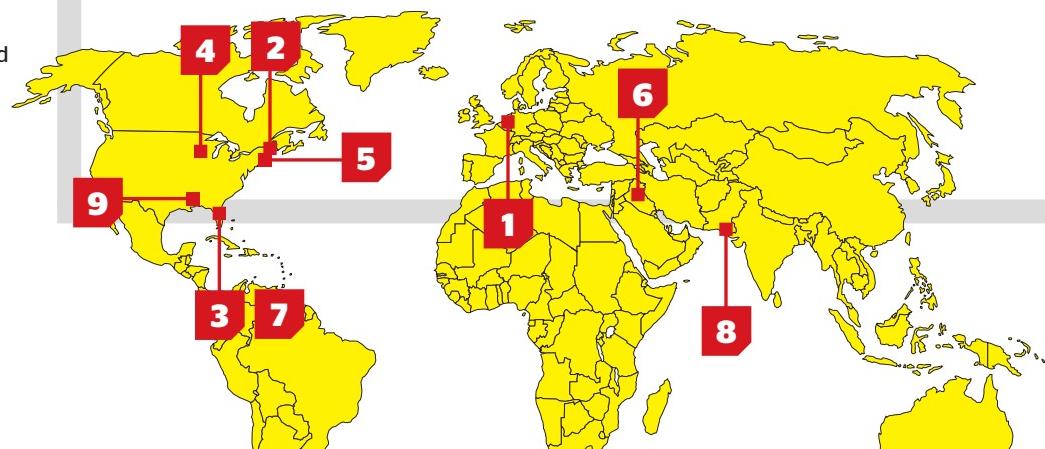
The Republican National Convention seems to be boosting presidential nominee Mitt Romney so far. A Reuters/Ipsos online poll on Wednesday showed Romney deadlocked with President Obama among likely voters at 43 percent each—an improvement for Romney from Obama's two-point lead on Tuesday and four-point lead on Monday.

who have doubted Romney at times and has put Ryan's proposed changes to Medicare, the popular health program for seniors, at the center of the campaign debate.



Up in smoke

8 Firefighters in Karachi, Pakistan, extinguish a burning vehicle Tuesday after protesters set it on fire. More than 20 people have recently been killed in alleged targeted slayings. GETTY IMAGES



Storm defenses pass major test

9 NEW ORLEANS Hurricane Isaac brought widespread flooding to the Gulf Coast on Wednesday, but elaborate defenses built to protect New Orleans after it was devastated by Hurricane Katrina seven years ago seemed to pass their first major test.

The huge, slow-moving weather system, downgraded to a tropical storm on Wednesday, dumped massive amounts of rain to test new levees and flood containment systems and officials were careful not to declare a premature victory.

Water flooded over the top of a levy on the outskirts of New Orleans and threatened to flood oil refineries and towns in the state and neighboring Mississippi. No deaths or serious injuries were reported. REUTERS PHOTO

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So fantasy football's around the corner, and you're in the dark about something. Maybe you don't know which players to avoid drafting. Or what you should be drinking. Or where you should be Shiva blasting (see sidebar).

Not to worry. The stars of FX's "The League," which is set in Chicago and returns this fall, are happy to help. Mark Duplass and Katie Aselton—who are married in real life—took time out from filming the show's fourth season to dispense advice on how to rule fantasy football season. Check out the advice they shared exclusively with RedEye via email, and good luck. You're gonna need it.

Do you play fantasy football?

MD: If so, how many leagues are you in, and how many times have you won a title?

MD: I'm only in one league, with the cast and creators of the show "The League." In real life, I have never won one. But I placed second to [co-star] Nick Kroll last year. Then I kicked him in the balls.

KAA: I do. [Co-creators] Jackie [Schaffer], Jeff Schaffer and the cast play in a league and I won the first season. Since then, I haven't really tried all that hard.

How do you keep your spouse happy during fantasy football season?

MD: Brainwash your spouse into joining your league.

KA: [My husband and I] are in a league together, so whoever is winning is happy.

What's the best location for a fantasy football draft?

MD: I know everyone always says this, but you can't really beat Greenland. I mean Vegas.

What's the key to convincing someone to trade with you?

MD: Make it seem like you are depressed and that you really "need something decent to happen in your life right now."

KA: Distraction.

What should every fantasy football draft include?

MD: A computer. And an intermittently working Internet connection so someone gets royally [bleeped] by autodraft.

KA: One idiot who chooses poorly.

What's the perfect way to celebrate a

Oh, they went there

OK, so some of the subjects in Mark Duplass and Katie Aselton's words of fantasy football wisdom may have seemed strange. This primer on the vernacular of "The League" should clear things up.

Shiva blasting

The show's championship trophy is named after Shivakami Semakandarkram, a high school classmate of one of the characters. According to urb dictionary.com, Shiva blasting "is the calling of Shivakami's full name after being around her or her memorabilia for an extended period of time."

3 Penis Wine

Believe it or not (and you would if you watched the show), Taco MacArthur (Jon Lajoie) wants to become the leading distributor of this beverage. Watch the infomercial on YouTube if you want to see something hilarious. Just turn the sound down—WAY down—if you're at work.

fantasy football championship?

MD: By realizing it doesn't really make you happy and you've wasted an inordinate amount of time and energy on a really ridiculous game.

KA: Rub it in everyone's faces for the next year.

What's the best drink for draft day?

KA: Sam Adams Light.

What's the worst place to drink

3 Penis Wine?

KA: Church.

Where's the best place to Shiva blast?

MD: Public bathroom. In the stall.

KA: The shower.

What's the worst fantasy pick you've ever made?

MD: Reggie Bush. Every year.

KA: I might have drafted someone with

a broken neck last year. I will neither confirm nor deny ...

Would you rather be a punter or a kicker? Why?

KA: Either. Fantastic legs on both.

Is it wrong to draft players without researching and instead pick your favorite players?

MD: Depends on who your favorite players are. If they are Arian Foster and LeSean McCoy, you're golden!

KA: Not always. Tom Brady is both a fabulous pick AND dashing handsome. He's a win-win.

Are there any players you would never draft, on principle?

MD: Michael Vick. Not because of the dogs, [but] because he gets hurt a lot.

KA: Nope. Having principles in fantasy is ridiculous.



» Bears release wide receiver Rashied Davis

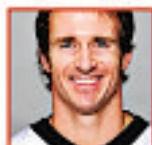
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What's that? You want ACTUAL advice for fantasy football season? That's where Dan Richman (@danrichmantfl), RedEye's fantasy guru, and columnist Alex Quigley (@alexquigley) come in. If you take their advice, you might be in line for bragging rights sometime around New Year's.



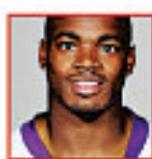
ALEX QUIGLEY

The Perfect Draft. It's every fantasy footballer's dream: somehow snagging the top point-producer at every position. Finishing the year with that little number "1" next to your QB, RB, WR, TE, K and D? It's possible, and here's how.



FIRST ROUND: Drew Brees, QB.

When coach Sean Payton serves his suspension, does he take the Saints' playbook with him, leaving Brees with a "Tecmo Bowl"-esque four plays to run? Brees still is the most dangerous fantasy QB in the league. Bountygate will put the team into Screw All Y'all mode.



SECOND ROUND: Adrian Peterson, RB.

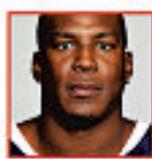
If you're afraid A.P.'s injury will slow him down, you've forgotten the first rule of All Day: he can run, like, all day long. Before the injury, he undeniably was the best running back in football.

Just like he was back in 2008, when A.P. ran for 1,760 yards and 10 TDs. He's fine now.



THIRD ROUND: Brandon Marshall, WR.

How the hell can I project that anyone other than Calvin Johnson will finish tops among wideouts? NFL defenses don't allow a team to do the same thing over and over, and Megatron's always fighting nagging injuries. Cutler will target Marshall 200 times this year.

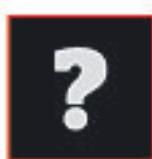


FOURTH ROUND: Antonio Gates, TE.

Why not Gronk or Graham? Gates missed four-plus games last year and he still was third overall in points. Gronk and Graham won't keep up their insane paces from 2011. Meanwhile, Philip Rivers knows one thing in the red zone: Get it to No. 85.



FIFTH ROUND: San Francisco, D. The Niners will finish as the top fantasy defense for seven reasons: the Vikings, Jets, Bills, Dolphins, Rams (twice!), Seahawks (twice!), and Cardinals. Dodge Green Bay and Detroit matchups in Weeks 1 and 2 and it's a conveyor belt of creampuffs.



SIXTH ROUND: Anybody, K.

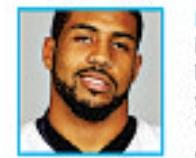
Seriously, just pick a kicker on a good team and hope for the best. I'm not that good, people.

Pick anyone else you want from this round onward. You've already won your league.

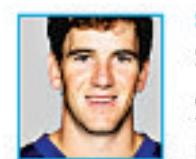


DAN RICHMAN

Alex, I too am searching for the perfect draft. And while your draft has promise, it is far from perfect. Here's one I'm confident will help you achieve that elusive status of fantasy football champ.



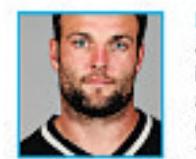
FIRST ROUND: Arian Foster, RB. Foster is a flat-out stud. Running back depth basically is non-existent, so go with the sure-fire best at No. 1. It's hard to argue with Drew Brees. However, there are other elite QBs and no running back as good as Foster. The stats live up to the hype: 12 TDs, over 1,800 total yards.



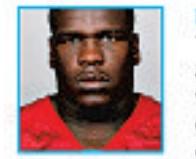
SECOND ROUND: Eli Manning, QB. Alex, what are you thinking with A.P.? The man is coming off a torn ACL and is on a bad team. The choice is Manning. The Giants QB was amazing last year. He throws for tons of yards and racks up TDs.



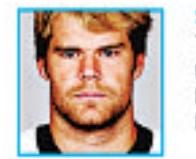
THIRD ROUND: Antonio Brown, WR. I'm a Bears fan and love the possibility of Marshall having a big year. But based on his recent track record, I wouldn't touch Marshall. The better option is Brown of the Steelers. He was Ben Roethlisberger's go-to guy late in the season and with Mike Wallace under contract, Brown will show what he can do for you.



FOURTH ROUND: Wes Welker, WR. I am a big believer in loading up on quality wide receivers. Welker is quality with a capital "Q." He's Tom Brady's go-to guy in New England and put up over 1,500 yards and nine scores last year.



FIFTH ROUND: Frank Gore, RB. The 49ers' super-back is consistent, and should remain that way even if his workload is cut a tad with the addition of Brandon Jacobs. Round 5 is way too early to draft a defense, anyway.



SIXTH ROUND: Greg Olsen, TE. Time to take the best player available—not a kicker. Olsen and Cam Newton have good chemistry that's only getting better.

There you have the first six picks for a perfect fantasy draft. Good luck to all!

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The Cubs have their shortstop for the next seven years, and it cost only \$60 million. Wonder what it would take to buy out this group...



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1	How should Starlin Castro celebrate his new contract?	Buy himself out of his own contract and go play for a team that can win a title someday.	By diving for a ground ball.	Blow it all in one epic night. That's not what I would do, but we're not talking about me.	By playing really hard for the first three years, and then slacking for the rest of it.	Under strict adult supervision.
2	Jake Peavy's dealing with an eye infection. Any advice for him?	Don't ever volunteer to talk to a RedEye reporter. Our cover jinx is legendary.	He gotta start taking those contacts out at night.	Stop typing with your eyes. Keyboards are very dirty, and fingers work better.	Rub your eye and then touch your teammates' stuff. It'll be fun!	No. None. I have no advice whatsoever for him.
3	If Brian Urlacher can return to practice next week then maybe he'll be able to play by Week 12. Yes, I'm a pessimist.	... then his rating on "Madden 13" better be at least 90!	... that will prevent him from catching up on his daytime stories, but that's what DVR is for.	... the Bears' inevitable failure can be postponed another week.	... Dom DeCicco may become a slight underdog for the Bears' starting ILB spot.
4	What's your must-have for every fantasy football draft?	A Magic 8 Ball. You're basically taking a stab in the dark anyway.	A timed draft and music. Cale Kid With Raps mixtape. Groove!	A pen or computer. Very difficult to do it all by memory.	A global filter on the words "fantasy football" in TweetDeck.	Someone willing to draft Devin Hester in the first round.
5	Make a prediction for college football season.	Opposing fans might be pretty hard on Penn State.	Geno Smith will win the Heisman. Side note: The new system still won't stop the booster system.	I predict I will often say on Saturday afternoons, "I wish the NFL was on."	I will continue not to give a damn.	Penn State fans will grow more and more insufferable with each passing week.

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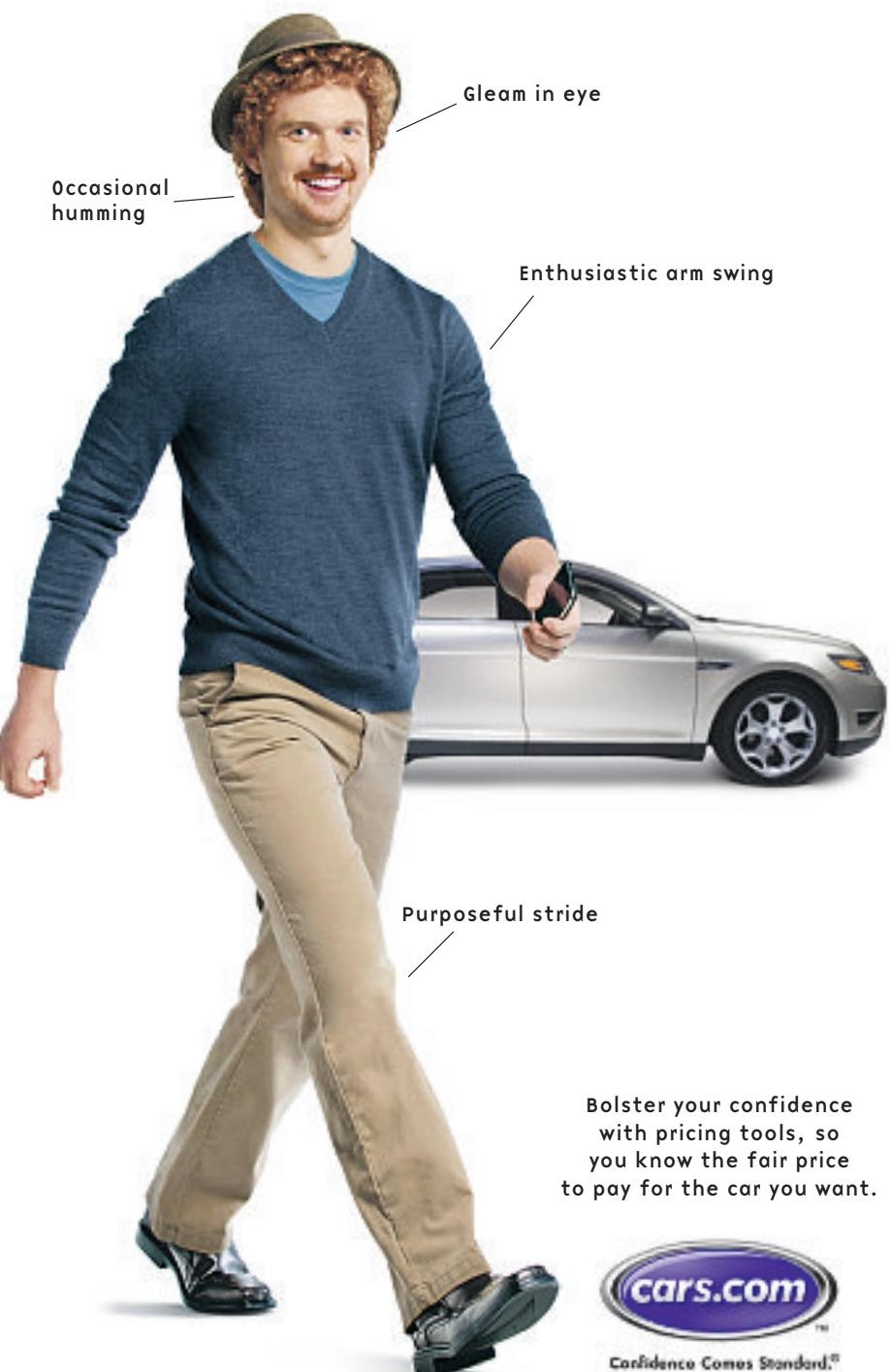
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What a tweet kicker

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Robbie Gould is the NFL's fifth-most accurate kicker of all time, an avid tweeter and host of the Chicago Bears Network's "The Final Horn." RedEye chatted with him about Twitter and his newfound enjoyment as a member of the media.

I want to talk about Twitter. Start me off—why did you get on?

Well, I think it's a great opportunity to get involved with your fans and have a direct connection with them in an immediate fashion. I got Twitter to answer questions that fans may have and to just interact with fans as best as you possibly can.

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I saw your teammates were getting on you for not spell checking.

Yeah. I'm a lazy tweeter. There's no doubt about it. But I'd rather tweet one tweet than 12 tweets.

You've been doing the "Final Horn" thing, which I've really liked.

[Laughs.] Thanks. I really enjoy doing the media stuff. Obviously I'm getting involved with co-hosting my own AM radio show with Jeff Dickerson on ESPN 1000. I do an FM show in the mornings after games. It's something I enjoy doing, and maybe I'll be able to do it post-career.

So what do Bears fans have to look forward to if they follow @robbiegould09 in 2012?

There'll be a lot of "Final Horn." There will be a lot of teasing of teammates. But there will also be a lot of opportunities to get out and meet me at different appearances or different events, or get involved with different products that I enjoy.

RedEye wanted a perspective on Gould the tweeter from one of his followers, so we talked to punter Adam Podlesh (@adampodlesh08).

What do you like about Robbie Gould on Twitter?

That he misspells everything. He will consistently misspell or have grammatically incorrect tweets.

Doesn't he know that kids are watching?

I know! We've got these little kids trying to learn. I never got on Robbie for it at first. But then after you see like 10 tweets in a row like that, and I started getting other people, like Josh Scobee—he's a kicker in Jacksonville and he texted me and goes, "What's the deal with Robbie's tweets?"

I think a lot of times it's just not proofreading. It just auto-corrects to a different word and he doesn't go back and check it. The most recent one, he was talking about referees, and instead of saying "are" it was "ate," a-t-e, and it completely changed the tweet.

But this doesn't manifest itself in some way on the field, right?

Absolutely not. But apparently he exhausts all that attention to detail on the field and doesn't think about it when the Twitter world comes in.

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THE REAL MALORT

HOW THE MOST DISGUSTING SHOT IN CHICAGO BECAME A BELOVED, MYSTIFYING NIGHTLIFE ICON

By Emily Van Zandt | REDEYE

The headquarters for Jeppson's Malort isn't much of an office. No cubicles, no strategy memos—just a killer view of Lake Michigan and one woman: Pat Gabelick. Gabelick, 69, is the owner of the Carl Jeppson Company, which she runs out of her high-rise apartment building. Her company makes only one product, and it's a hard sell.

Malort—a Swedish liquor flavored with wormwood—is so uniquely biting that people tend to order shots for sheer shock value. Consider the winning slogan from an unofficial Twitter contest to brand the bitter beverage last year: "Malort: Kick your mouth in the balls."

The spirit, which goes for about \$20 a bottle, is found only in the Chicago metro area, and it has a homegrown appeal that is quickly taking hold with local 20- and 30-somethings. Despite its reputation, the unpalatable liquor can be found on the shelves of dives, lounges and restaurants throughout the city.

What was once a one-woman show with no marketing effort has in the past year been transformed with the first official Malort website, T-shirts, social media accounts and fan events. The men behind the movement are Peter Strom, Sam Mechling and Chris Depa—Chicago 30-somethings earning no money for their work. It's all for the love of the drink.

"My dad and grandpa have always warned me away from [Malort]," said Strom, who grew up in the Swedish communities of the Northwest Side. "A friend and I finally went to a neighborhood liquor store, and the guy working tried to keep us from buying it. He said, 'I know it's cheap, but you really don't want to buy this.'"

Last year, Strom, a historian who works a day job as a church custodian, contacted Gabelick to begin a research project chronicling the history of Malort.

Starting with boxes of vintage marketing posters, mailers and old liquor catalogs, he has been working to match the pieces of Malort's story:

When previous owner George Brode died in 1999 and passed the company on to Gabelick—a longtime legal secretary at his private practice—much of the history of the company died with him.

But here's what Strom does know: Malort is a type of Swedish liquor called a besk brannvin. It was arguably the most popular style of drink in the late 1800s in Sweden, and many families had their own recipes.

A man named Carl Jeppson brought his recipe to Chicago in the mid-1880s and, after the repeal of Prohibition, sold the company to Chicago lawyer George Brode who, at the time, also owned a liquor company. When Brode sold the rest of the liquor company off in 1953, he kept only one product—Malort.

"George [Brode] loved marketing and I guess it was a challenge," Gabelick said. "He could have kept sloe gin or creme de menthe but that would have been boring."

When Brode died, Gabelick did not have the funds to market Malort as much as it had been in the '50s and '60s. But sales stayed fairly steady thanks to well-stocked bars such as Simon's Tavern in Andersonville—which in the late '90s was known to go through several bottles a night—Uptown's The Green Mill, and Brixie's in Brookfield—not to mention VFW halls throughout the suburbs. The company was reported to be selling around 1,100 cases of product a year as recently as 2009. Gabelick declined to give updated sales figures.

The more recent hipster appeal of the liquor is far from underground anymore. For years, Malort has been stocked at late-night dives and mixed in cocktails to prove a bartender's prowess. A 2009 article in the Chicago Reader sparked a more widespread interest

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in the spirit, including Strom's.

But hipsters are only the half of it. With strong ties to Chicago's Swedish, Polish and Hispanic enclaves, Malort has been a tradition in some families for years.

It's these longtime fans who first flocked to the unofficial Malort Facebook page—bragging about buying shots and showing off photos of their Malort crest tattoos. Gabelick made the account official in May and that month attended the first fan night for the drink.

At the event held at Nisei's Lounge, people rushed to Gabelick, hugging her, wanting pictures—one fan even fell through an open window trying to get to her.

"It's just so crazy," said Gabelick, who still is baffled by the attention.

When Bar Deville first opened four years ago, bartender Brad Bolt was moving just a bottle or two a month.

"It went up to maybe four bottles a week [in 2009, when a Malort-based cocktail was added], but over the last two years that's doubled," said Bolt, who has the drink's signature crest tattooed on his arm.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF MALORT

1865 | Carl Jeppson is born in the province of Skane, Sweden.

Mid-1880s | Jeppson emigrates from Ystad, Sweden, to Chicago.

1934-36 | Bielhoff Products purchases the recipe for Malort from Carl Jeppson.

1945 | George Brode, vice president of Bielhoff, buys out the company. "Jeppson's Swedish-Style Brannvin" is now sold in a

glass bottle with a stem of wormwood inside.

1949 | Jeppson dies in his family's apartment in Edgewater.

1953 | Brode sells his company—now Red Horse Liquors—and keeps Malort. He forms the Carl Jeppson Co. and begins a 40-year hobby marketing it.

1986 | The Mar-Salle Distillery in Chicago, which had produced Malort

since 1953, closes.

1987-89 | Malort is temporarily produced in Kentucky before Florida Distillers in Lake Alfred, Fla., takes over production in 1989.

1999 | Brode dies, leaving the company to his secretary, Pat Gabelick.

2012 | Malort begins its first social media push, launches official website.

SOURCE: PETER STROM

"Two years ago [Malort] was something on the back bar," he said. "Now we're seeing a lot more shots. They're on Twitter and Facebook and doing it in a really playful way and it's great for getting people interested. ... They see it and think, 'This is hilarious. I should try this.'"

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Welcome to the Internet

By Emily Van Zandt

REDEYE

The Jeppson's Malort company used to be a mystery when it came to an official online presence—no real website, no company-run social media, no one correcting rumors or telling fans where to find the product.

Now, when old and new fans look up Malort online, they're not just greeted with photos of the infamous Malort face—pictures snapped to capture first-time drinkers' sour reactions—and wacky origin tales. They actually can find information and a marketing effort blessed by the company.

Chicago comedian and bartender Sam Mechling is the brain behind the Malort Facebook and Twitter pages—a void he decided to fill back in 2010, without the company's permission. In a period of two hours, Mechling suddenly was tweeting to 330 followers. Today's it's nearly 2,000.

Mechling went on to create a few YouTube-hosted "commercials" for the product. His video "What does Malort taste like"—filled with images of grapefruit, honey, gasoline, earwax and Hitler holding a can of bug spray—has hit more than 10,000 views.

"This isn't a video of someone break dancing where the whole world knows what it is," Mechling said. "This is a liquor available only in Chicago, so that many people watching it is kind of amazing."

Mechling's social media work became company-endorsed in May, and now connects to the brand's first website, created by La Grange Park Web programmer Chris Depa.

"We'd like to add additional content, especially historical content and lots of images from our archives," said Depa of the still-in-progress site. "We have lots of ideas up our sleeves."

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to fuel your Labor Day weekend**

By Emily Van Zandt | REDEYE

Though certainly unofficial, Labor Day weekend marks the last hurrah of summer. Whether you're hosting your own bash, heading to a friend's backyard gathering or just staying in with roommates, there's no better time to experiment with a new, boozy mix. Check out these recipes (each makes about a dozen servings) from local mixologists for some end-of-summer punch inspiration.

Paul Sauter mixologist at Double A

SPICY SUMMERTIME PUNCH

2 750-mL bottles rum
2 cups pineapple juice
2 cups strawberries
2 cups apples
Zest of 1 whole grapefruit, lemon and orange
2 cups of guajillo chili syrup (see below)
375mL of dry sparkling wine (half a standard-sized bottle)
Frozen pineapple slices for garnish

To make the guajillo syrup, boil water, adding equal parts sugar and stirring until sugar dissolves. Tear 10-12 whole dried guajillo peppers (found in most grocery stores) and simmer them in the sugar and water mixture for 10 minutes, or until it's spicy enough for your taste. Strain and chill. Slice and freeze all fruit. Before serving, mix all ingredients and garnish with frozen pineapple slices.



Craig Hiljus

beverage director at SmallBar

THE ROSALEE

9 ounces St. Germain elderflower liqueur
18 ounces Hendrick's gin
6 ounces simple syrup
6 ounces fresh lemon juice
Leaves from 1 bunch of mint
1 thinly sliced lemon and 1/2 sliced English cucumber
1 bottle prosecco

Before you head out to your party, combine the liquors, simple syrup, juice, mint, lemon and cucumber.

When you arrive at your destination, pour over ice and top with prosecco.



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Adam Seger founder of Hum Spirits and drinks
consultant at Farmhouse

TIPSY PEACH PUNCH

1 pint bourbon
1 pint Hum Botanical Spirit
1 pint maple syrup
1 pint fresh lemon juice (about 8 large lemons) plus zest of 3 of them (optional)
2 quarts strong brewed rooibos tea (twice the tea brewed twice as long as the directions say)
8 diced ripe peaches
Sliced lemons

Combine all ingredients, serve in a punch bowl or pitchers and pour over ice to serve. If you want a garnish, think mint or basil. This punch can also be made a few days ahead and refrigerated to really let the flavor develop; Seger likes to serve his after three days.

Adam Scholten bar manager at Untitled

THE UP-TO-DATE

12 ounces rye whiskey
6 ounces manzanilla sherry
6 ounces Grand Marnier
12 dashes of bitters
A good option for folks who don't want their punch too sweet. If the taste is too boozy, Scholten suggests mixing with orange juice or adding seltzer.

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There's something about 2 a.m. that can make men lose their minds. The clock rolls over and if you're a group of girls in a bar—well, you're just asking for it, right?

You're asking for attention, the way you're brazenly sitting there, calmly drinking beer and charting.

The way you're requesting songs at the jukebox and sitting back down to finish your story. The way you decided to wear a dress to the bar.

You want those two guys to come up to you once, twice, three times to interrupt your conversation and tell you how much they love the song. To insist that they're nice guys and grab you and pull you off your barstools when you keep insisting you're not interested.

Every girl at 2 a.m. wants that. Why else would you be in a bar?

And when those guys finally get an earful



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on how you don't appreciate being touched and decide to turn on a drunken flood of insults and lewd comments ... well, maybe you just shouldn't be a group of girls out at a bar.

That's what went through my head early Sunday morning. Two friends and I were enjoying our last night out together in Chicago. We were talking like people do when they don't know when they'll see each other again. It was nearing 2:30 a.m. at one of our favorite bars and we weren't even drunk—and maybe that was the problem.

It's a situation that's happened before, will

happen again and in terms of a bigger picture of women's issues, it's of little consequence. But few groups of men in Chicago have to worry that sitting in a bar past midnight might mean women ruining their night.

I'll always remember a night at closing time in Wrigleyville when a male friend had to put another guy against a wall after he tried to grab and kiss me on my way out. The dude was blackout wasted, but it was my friend's words that will stay with me: "You didn't look claimed."

The culture in bars, especially late in the

evening, is without a doubt a predominantly singles' game. No one can fault guys and girls from finding someone hazily cute enough and wanting to see if he or she's interested. But that doesn't mean that those who aren't interested need to run home before dark. It shouldn't mean that we women need male chaperones if a bar is busy. And it should never mean sitting through a slew of homophobic, misogynistic, sexually explicit comments if you don't want to play the game.

Too often, women will play off the unwanted attention, flirt back—even if they don't want to—because the guy is just too drunk to get it. It's time to stop. A guy yelling at women as being "stuck-up bitches" for rejecting his advances, to me, carries the same weight as someone trying to start a bar fight. It deserves the attention of a bouncer or a bartender.

Because sometimes, a girl just wants to enjoy a nightcap. If the guys can do it, can't we?

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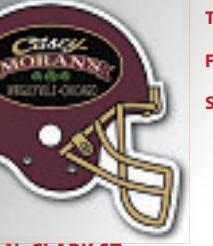
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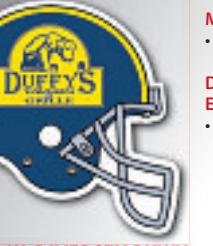
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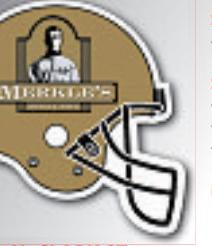
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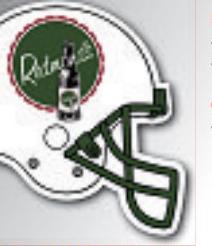
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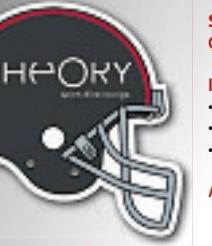
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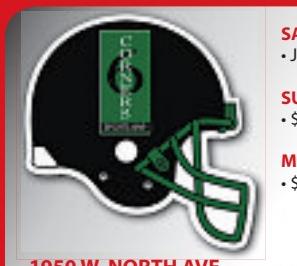
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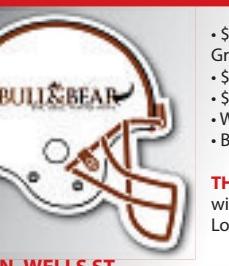
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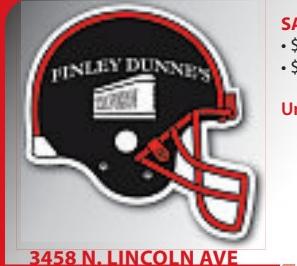
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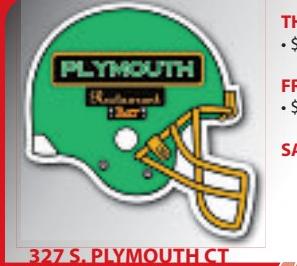
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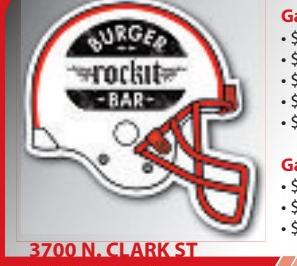
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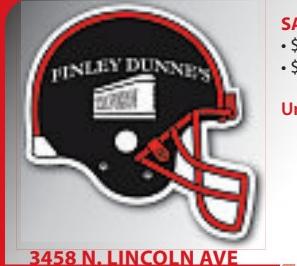
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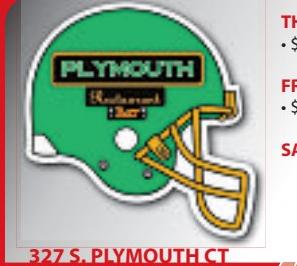
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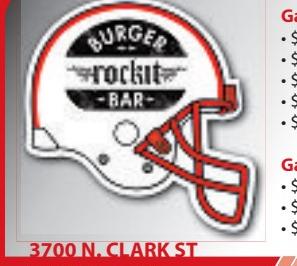
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Fine dining flip-flop: Alinea to do stint in NY

Chicago Tribune

Two of the country's most-acclaimed fine-dining restaurants will trade cities and spaces for one week this fall.

New York's Eleven Madison Park and Chicago's Alinea—both three Michelin-starred restaurants—will swap chefs, kitchens and dining rooms, opening in essence pop-up restaurants in each other's space. Alinea will occupy Eleven Madison Park in New York beginning Sept. 26 for five consecutive nights. Eleven Madison Park will do the same in Chicago starting Oct. 10. Tickets go on sale in coming weeks via Facebook.

The two restaurants first hinted at a collaboration through a YouTube video released Friday. In it, both restaurants dismantle their kitchens and dining rooms, packing everything up in boxes (including chef Grant Achatz).

In layman's terms, at least to non-foodies who don't recognize Thomas, Heston and Ferran by a first-name-only basis (respectively chefs Keller, Blumenthal, Adria), it's the culinary equivalent of the New York Philharmonic and Chicago Symphony Orchestra trading concert halls for one-week

residences.

Of course, experiencing this will come at a premium. For Chicagoans hoping to score one of several hundred tickets for Eleven Madison Park, the exclusiveness of a five-night stand and hefty price tag means casual diners might sit this one out (\$495 in both cities, not including tax and service).

But for devotees of high gastronomy, the band of Michelin guide-clutching food tourists, it's a chance to sample one of the most-lauded New York restaurants in recent memory.

The James Beard Foundation Awards—the Oscars of the restaurant world—has awarded Eleven Madison Park its two highest honors in consecutive years: Outstanding restaurant in 2011, and outstanding chef in May for its 36-year-old Swiss-born chef, Daniel Humm.

In the most recent "World's 50 Best Restaurant" rankings, a survey of 800 international restaurateurs and food journalists, Eleven Madison Park was voted the 10th best restaurant in the world, jumping from 24th place last year, and from 50th place in 2010. Alinea was No. 7 in the rankings.

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Drinking for America



Chicago Tribune

The political convention season has just begun and already the kind folks at Garden & Gun magazine are offering two very potent ways to get through the coverage gavel-to-gavel. Yes, we're talking cocktails, people.

"Regardless of your political leanings, with the electoral season kicking into high gear this week, we could all probably use a good drink," began this week's "Talk of the South" email from the magazine, which routinely draws raves for its knowing coverage of Southern food and culture. "And since both the Republican and Democratic national conventions are calling the South home this year (Tampa and Charlotte, respectively), we tapped a pair of mixologists from both host cities to put their own 'political' spin on two classic Southern cocktails."

Here are recipes for Garden & Gun's convention cocktails. What's simple syrup? Boil equal parts water and sugar until the sugar melts. Cool. Use.

Those of us who don't drink alcohol have options, too. One could experiment in losing the booze from these cocktails. Or kick back with a case or two of Dr. Pepper or Blenheim Ginger Ale to keep sober sippin' in an appropriately Southern mood.

Swing State

From Dean Hurst, director of spirits at Side-Bern's in Tampa, Fla. He uses Four Roses bourbon in the recipe. Aperol is an Italian aperitif.

- » 1½ ounces bourbon
- » muddled huckleberries
- » ½ ounce each: Aperol, lemon juice, simple syrup
- » orange peel (for garnish)

Muddle the huckleberries (note: you can substitute blackberries if huckleberries are not available) in the bottom of a cocktail shaker (about enough to cover the bottom). Add remaining ingredients and ice, then shake. Double strain into a chilled cocktail glass. Garnish with a circular-cut orange peel.

Carolina Blue

From Carrie Geisler, mixologist at 5Church in Charlotte, N.C. Blenheim's Ginger Ale is recommended for its spicy kick.

- » 2 ounces each: bourbon, fresh blueberry juice
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Chicago performers confess their worst, wackiest jobs ever

By Julia Borcherts

REDEYE

You see them onstage and think, "They're living the dream." But if you've ever read an interview with an actor who wasn't, say, Miley Cyrus or an Olsen twin, you know they usually have to work some truly terrible jobs to pay the rent on the road to pursuing their dreams.

So in the spirit of Labor Day, we spoke with five performers whose work takes them to Chicago stages this September to ask them about their worst jobs ever.

JULIA BORCHERTS IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.

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Mark Bazer

See him: 6:30 p.m. Sept. 7 at The Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave.

Tickets: \$8; 773-227-4433; markbazer.com

Now: The advertising copywriter—and former RedEye columnist—hosts The Interview Show, where he quizzes actors, chefs, politicians, authors and others onstage about their interesting jobs.

Then: "Overall, I've been pretty fortunate. But I did once work at a large ba-

gel chain, who shall remain nameless, that permanently destroyed my appetite for working in the food service industry. While I was far from the model employee, nobody deserves spending a morning cleaning out—with hands wrapped in plastic—giant tubs of moldy veggie, chive and honey-walnut cream cheese while shivering in the walk-in refrigerator. Oddly, I still frequent this establishment."



Lil Rel

See him: 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Sept. 14-15 at Jokes and Notes, 4641 S. King Drive

Tickets: \$10-\$20; 773-373-3390; jokesandnotes.com

Now: He's been cast in the "In Living Color" reboot, appeared this month on "Chelsea Lately" and was named one of Variety's 10 Comics to Watch for 2012—and when we contacted him, he was heading to audition for a guest role on an NBC primetime show.

Then: "Long John Silver. Now don't get me wrong, it wasn't because of the food because to this day I still love the food, but it was what they had me doing. I was planting trees in front of the restaurant with my full uniform on! Do you know how embarrassing that is? It would've been different if they let me put on some gardener clothes, but not in my full Long John Silver uniform!"



Kelsie Huff

See her: 7 p.m. Friday; 4 p.m. Saturday; 10 p.m. Monday at the Chicago Fringe Festival, Chicago Art Department stage, 1932 S. Halsted St.

Tickets: \$10 suggested donation plus \$5 festival admission; chicagofringe.org

Now: She won a slot at the Fringe Fest for her solo show, "Bruiser: Tales from a Traumatized Tomboy" and regularly performs comedy with The Kates and the Beast Women series.

Then: "I was doing stand-up in a senior center. People were either sleeping or screaming my jokes to the folks who couldn't hear. When I was done, one of the seniors approached me and told me I reminded her of her dead daughter. It was a real laugh riot!"

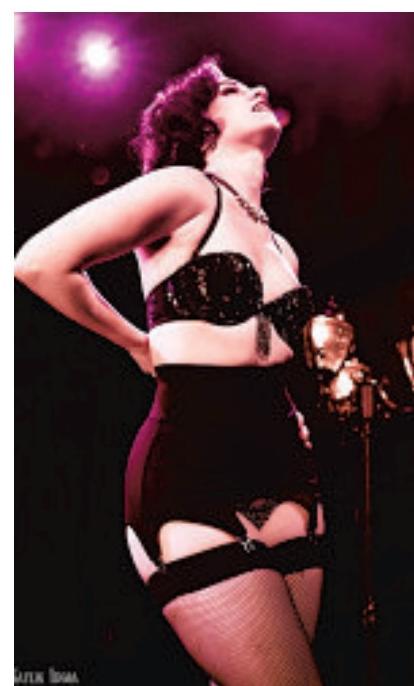
Minita Gandhi

See her: Sept. 14-Oct. 14 at Victory Gardens Biograph Theater, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.

Tickets: \$20-\$50; 773-871-3000; victorygardens.org

Now: The Mumbai, India, native co-stars in "Equivocation," a comedy set in 1605 about the intersection of art and politics. She also works with corporate comedy troupe Wavelength and teaches anti-bullying techniques and sexual abuse prevention for kids with Imagination Theater.

Then: "In order to keep days open for auditions, I once [found] a job on Craigslist selling roses from 10 p.m.-3 a.m. at Chicago bars and nightclubs. I only got three hours of sleep a night and found myself on sweaty dance floors asking men with women bent over and gyrating in front of them, 'Excuse me sir. Would you like to buy this lovely lady a rose?'"



Michelle L'amour

See her: 7:30 and 10 p.m. Sept. 21 at Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. Southport Ave.

Tickets: \$25-\$50; 773-871-6604; michellemalamour.com

Now: She produces and stars in Superstars of Burlesque and other high-profile shows and teaches burlesque at Studio L'amour. When we got in touch, she'd just landed in Paris to film her "Butthoven" act for a French TV program.

Then: "[I taught] a private lesson with one man [who] said he wanted to learn a dance for his wife. I thought that was sweet so I agreed to do it. Turns out, he just wanted to show me his black sheer lady panties. It looked like Gonzo was being strangled. I kept my eyes up, because, you know, I am a professional. But he didn't like that. He asked me what I thought of his panties. I just said, 'Well, if she likes it, it's all that matters.' And that was the end of private lessons with men."

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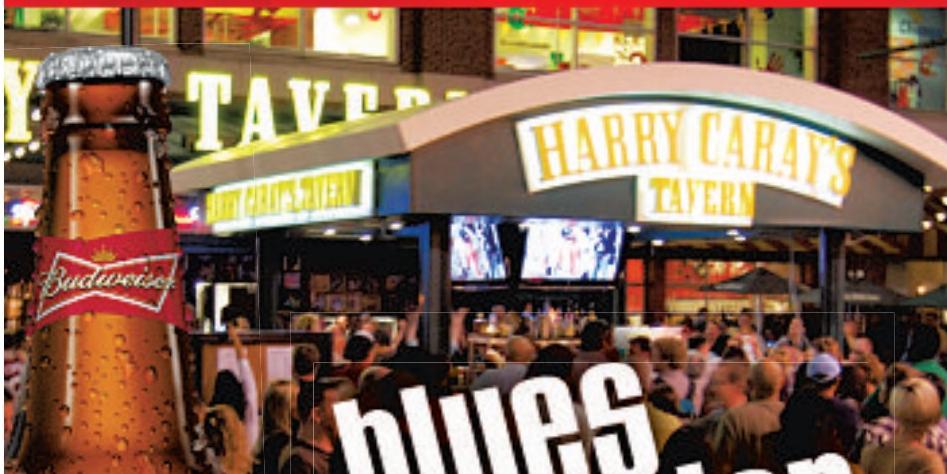
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GOOD TIME GALS

ARI GRAYNOR AND LAUREN ANNE MILLER TALK DIRTY IN 'FOR A GOOD TIME, CALL'

By Matt Pais

REDEYE

You may lament missing "For A Good Time, Call" star Ari Graynor when she spent a few days in Chicago earlier this month. That is, until you learn that the 29-year-old Boston native, best known for playing drunken mess Caroline in "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist," went for a bike ride—despite her biking abilities being "a danger to myself and others."

"I get sort of nervous and I'll be going like this fast—which for those people that are reading this can't see that it's like practically in slow motion—but I'm like swerving all over the place," said Graynor on a 17th-floor terrace at the Public Hotel. "Yesterday I caused a little bit of a pileup where I sort of stopped, and I didn't know who was going where, and then two other bikers hit each other because of me. But I keep trying and hoping I'll get more confident ... Everyone survived; I don't get what the big deal is!"

Graynor's presence is welcome everywhere but the bike lane. Besides "Nick and Norah," she's had stand-out roles in "Whip It," "Youth in Revolt" and "Celeste and Jesse Forever," and she finally gets to shine in a starring role in "For a Good Time, Call," opening Friday.

In the film, Katie (Graynor) and Lauren



Miller (left) and Graynor of 'For a Good Time Call'
LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE

(Lauren Anne Miller, Seth Rogen's wife) hate sharing a New York apartment until becoming BFFs when Lauren decides to help Katie with her work as a phone sex operator. Miller co-wrote the script with her former Florida State University roommate Katie Anne Naylor, who actually did spend time as a phone sex operator, and the two penned the part of Katie with Graynor in mind. Thanks, ladies!

Some people will go to "For a Good Time, Call" and giggle or blush. What's a movie that gives you that reaction?



AG: It's hard to make me blush.

LM: I'll never forget when I saw "[There's] Something about Mary" in the theater. I remember that was one of the first movies that I saw when I was a little bit older and I knew a little bit more about sex and was able to really get what was going on in that movie and really enjoyed it and laughed at it. I don't know if it made me blush, but I remember that being among the first of the R-rated movies that were like, "Oh, this is different than what I've been watching before."

AG: I remember when I was a little girl—or

young. [Laughs.] Maybe I shouldn't start the story by saying, "When I was a little girl." But I remember when I first watched "Dirty Dancing."

LM: Oh my God.

AG: That's when I first felt like kind of turned on for the first time. [Laughs.] That and "Top Gun."

Regarding "For a Good Time, Call," what do you think is the point of phone sex?

LM: A lot of people will say to us, "Don't you think phone sex is outdated? How can you still be talking about it?" But the truth is A.

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I watch TV and every night after 11:30 see at least three phone sex ads, so it's clearly happening, but I think what phone sex provides is this sort of anonymity—that you can call someone and no one's going to see your face. If you were Web chatting, people will see your face.

AG: I also think that with phone sex, our society right now, there's just every way, everywhere to be disconnected from people. People are spending more and more time alone and on their computer and it's a little bit of intimacy. It's a little bit of one-on-one intimacy but that is safe. That you don't actually have to reveal yourself. But you can have a little personal connection, which I think everyone wants.

And when guys call and say "Hi, this is George Clooney," there might be a chance that it's him.

AG: Maybe it's him.

LM: Who knows? I've heard that George is into the phone sex.

AG: We're going to call him later and talk dirty to him and see what he thinks about it.

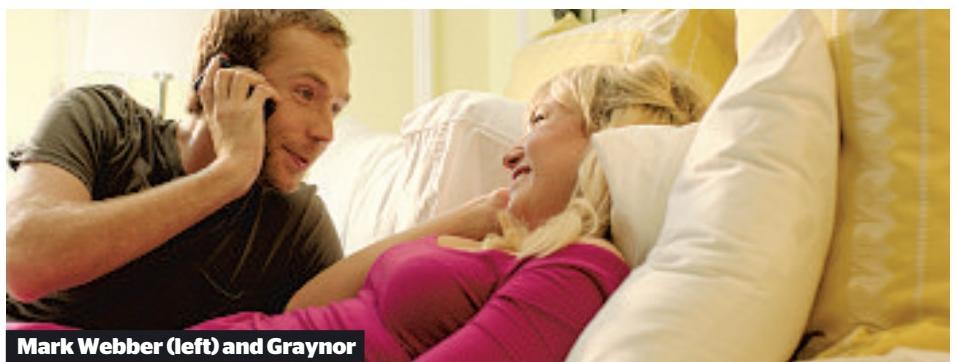
Because of "Nick and Norah" and some of the other exaggerated characters you've played, Ari, how often do people send you drinks, wanting you to get sloppy?

LM: [Laughs.]

AG: This is the thing you learn throughout the business about your expectations: I sort of thought after "Nick and Norah" like,



Miller (left) and Graynor



Mark Webber (left) and Graynor

"Oh, God, I will never be able to buy a drink again in a bar because everyone will be sending me drinks!" Never. Not one person has ever sent me a drink because I was Caroline in "Nick and Norah." People reference it; people say really nice things about it, but I was sure I would be getting more free drinks.

Have you tried to announce yourself?

AG: No, but people often tell me that they think that I look different in real life or if somebody else mentions it, they'll be like, "Oh my God, I can't believe that's you," but I think because my general demeanor and vibe is not such a drunk mess that people are thrown by my composure.

They expect total sloppiness the whole time?

AG: Yeah. I think so.

Ari, between "For a Good Time, Call" and the short film "Dear Roommate," you have plenty of experience with uncomfortable roommates. What's the most difficult roommate experience you've both had in real life, and how did you resolve it?

LM: Well, my freshman year of college I had a gigantic art history test at nine in the morning, and my freshman year first semester roommate, who was not the most considerate person on the planet, brought a guy back to our little six-by-six room. And I remember being awoken at three o'clock

in the morning to [makes smacking noises]. And they were making out and whatever.

AG: I didn't know what the hell kind of sound you were making!

That could have been a few different things.

AG: [Laughs.] I was like, "Lauren, so dirty!"
LM: I could never forget the noise. That was the noise.

AG: [Laughs.] I really lucked out. I'm an only child and in college I was given a single and then I lived with people for like two years but were my best friends, and we had a really fun time. And then I lived alone or with a boyfriend. I've never really had a bad roommate situation. I know that's a really boring answer.

Lauren, how did you do on the test?

LM: I did terribly. That was the worst grade I've ever received in my entire life.

AG: Uh oh.

LM: It was all her fault.

But if you were tested on making that kissing sound, I think you'd get an A definitely.

LM: I could do it.

AG: You'd get an A in something, but I don't know if I'd call it a kissing sound. That sounded like a something else sound. I need you to never make that sound again.

LM: I'm going to do it all the time now.

AG: That literally makes me feel disgusting.



Steve Byrne (left) and Dan Lauria in 'Sullivan & Son'

Comic Steve Byrne sets the bar high

MCT

Steve Byrne feels right at home these days.

The actor and co-creator is the star of TBS comedy "Sullivan & Son," which airs at 9 p.m. Thursdays. He plays Steve Sullivan, an attorney who ditches his buttoned-up corporate life in New York to run the family bar in his native Pittsburgh. Byrne also grew up in Pittsburgh, even though the set's in LA. Another parallel: His real mom is Korean and his dad Irish.

Byrne recently chatted about the show.

Will there be a Season 2 of "Sullivan & Son"?

It started out with strong ratings, so we're hoping so. We're just trying to keep momentum. We filmed 10 episodes, kind of the mozzarella sticks of the orders. We'll see if we can sustain the numbers and do well for the network.

How did you end up producing it with Vince Vaughn?

We've been friends for many years. He said, "You know, you should develop something for yourself. You don't know who's going to be banging on the door for a Korean Irish kid." He was right; it's been tough. I sat down and wrote this pilot out. Rob Long [executive producer for "Cheers"] entered the project and we hit it off right away.

Obviously, "S&S" is getting compared to "Cheers," especially with Long on board.

A bar is a great environment. But what stinks is that just because it takes place in a bar people are going to automatically compare you to one of the most iconic shows of all time. Just because a series takes place in a living room with a couch in the middle doesn't mean it's "All in the Family," "Married with Children" or "The Cosby Show."

You guys look like you have fun on the set. Since it's on cable you can get away with a lot more. The language can be a lot more colorful. It's a treat to watch all these guys. The cast really does get along. When we break for lunch no one goes to their dressing room. There's a lot of goofing off, but when push comes to shove, we all do our best.

How do you prepare for your stand-up act? You want to be relevant and keep up with the news. Some people go the Chelsea Lately route and do gossip, but I never know when I'm going to be inspired. As a comic your eyes are open a little wider; you listen a little more attentively.

How was it growing up in Irish-Korean household?

While serving in Korea during the Vietnam War, my dad met my mother, who was a mess hall waitress. He still likes the meat and potatoes, but he does love BBQ and kimchi. And my mom can actually make an incredible shepherd's pie.

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The collection, which amounts to about 45,000 LPs, 45s and some CDs, grew too large and too dated to be kept in WGN's Tribune Tower studios. While no value was given to the collection, Northwestern University associate professor of communications Rick Morris told the Tribune the pile of vinyl is “absolutely priceless.”

“Some of the really rare and unusual stuff we're keeping in the main store,” Wojcik said. But aside from some of those rare Bob Dylan



Dusty Groove employee Bryan Lear sifts through stacks of records bought from WGN Radio by store owner Rick Wojcik. CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE

recordings, he said almost everything will be up for grabs, with LPs selling for 50 cents and 45s for 25 cents.

“It was ... amazing that the records were there and nobody had thought to move them for years,” he said of the collection, for which he was the highest bidder.

The 125-foot sidewalk sale will be just around the corner from the Renegade Craft Fair, and will run from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 8.

The records date back as early as the 1950s, with the CD collection running through the late '90s. Wojcik said he hopes vintage music enthusiasts help clear his clogged inventory, and has even decided to donate some of the recordings to the Chicago Independent Radio Project.

“It's just more than we could handle,” he said.

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Kim Kardashian has made nice with Old Navy, ending a year-long battle with the clothing company over ads that allegedly used a Kim K. look-alike actress to flog its togs.

The "Keeping Up With the Kardashians" star has settled her lawsuit with Old Navy, according to her attorney, who told TheWrap that the suit "was resolved to the mutual satisfaction of the parties."

The attorney did not disclose the specifics of the settlement.

Kardashian filed suit against Old Navy and its parent company, The Gap, in July 2011 in U.S. District Court in central California. Kardashian asked for unspecified damages and lost profits in the suit, though according to TMZ the reality TV sensation estimated that she had been damaged in the \$15 million to \$20 million range.

The suit claimed that the Old Navy ads "used Plaintiff's likeness in the form of a celebrity 'look-alike,'" which was "likely to cause confusion, and have caused actual confusion, in the minds of the consuming public as to an association of Kim Kardashian with Defendant's products and services."

That's no small consideration, given that Kardashian has given her endorsement to myriad products including ShoeDazzle and her own Dash designer boutiques.

Old Navy confirmed the suit had been settled.



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—claim in Kardashian's suit against Old Navy



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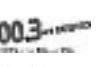
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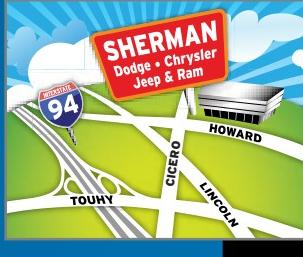


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Kristen Bell has the chic, girl-next-door look down to an art. The romantic comedy veteran is a master at playing it cool on the red carpet. From her tangerine Tommy Hilfiger gown at the Costume Institute gala earlier this year to her rainbow-colored Jenni Kayne frock from the recent Do Something Awards, Bell appears effortlessly at ease but on trend.

Bell and fiance Dax Shepard star together in the film "Hit & Run." For the film's L.A. premiere last week, Bell wore a black satin jumpsuit from the Jenny Packham fall 2012 collection. The look was signature Bell: easy and elegant. The long legs of the jumper successfully elongated Bell's silhouette. She happens to be 5'1," but appears tall and statuesque.

We've picked out some pieces for a similar style.



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Lucas Nelson
20, Lakeview

(1) Go with what I'm in usually, I don't try (2) Don't dress sloppy because no one will want you (3) My boots from 21 Ben, I just really like how they look and that they are comfortable.



Mellow
19, South Side

(1) Haters
(2) Dress more retro
(3) My hat is from H&M, it's very original.



Brenda Guzman
20, Cicero

(1) Lady Gaga because at heart she's a punk ass kid (2) Dress in what makes you feel good, the sky is the limit in fashion (3) Torn up Vans shoes have a lot of memories.



Stephanie Bee
24, Ravenswood

(1) A lot of old steam punk/industrial things (2) I think a lot of guys should ditch the facial hair, not appealing (3) This dress is a one-of-a-kind piece custom made for me.

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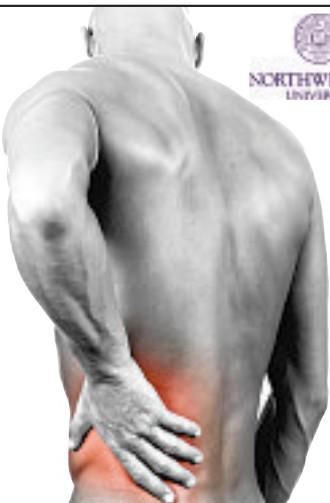
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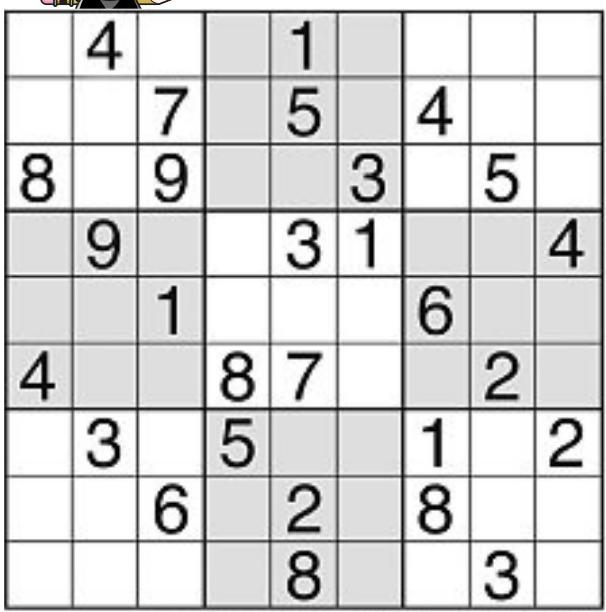


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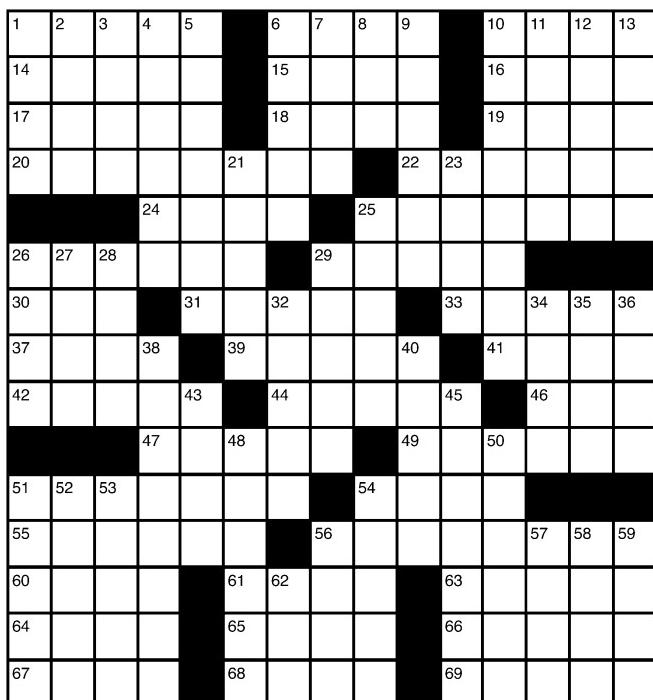
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- 1 "Remember the ___!"
6 Joel Chandler Harris' ___ Rabbit"
10 Lean-to
14 ___ boom; noise caused by a very fast jet
15 Actor Rob ___
16 ___ off; left suddenly
17 Worship
18 Sitcom for Sherman Hemsley
19 Grows gray
20 Punish
22 Lay into
24 No longer here
25 Quantities
26 Spain's dollar before the euro
29 Incompetent
30 Vaudevillian ___ Olsen
31 Bite between meals
33 Mysterious
37 Tulsa's state: abbr.
39 Post or Procter
41 Auctioneer's cry
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44 Dismal
46 Actress Larter
47 British chum
49 William Randolph ___
51 Studios pupil
54 Shape; mold
55 ___ No. 5; perfume
56 Covered wagon passengers
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61 Ms. Fitzgerald
63 Arm joint
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DOWN

- 1 Urgent letters
2 Mother ___; rich ore deposit
3 Abbr. following many poems
4 Desert illusion



- 5 Wildcats
6 Forest fire
7 Italy's capital
8 Lamb's mother
9 Give a new title to, as a book
10 Laws
11 Wrestler Hulk
12 Build
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21 Bonkers
23 Drink too much
- 25 Leg joint
26 Penniless
27 Northeast Nevada city
28 Actress Ward
29 In an unfriendly way
32 Fossilized resin
34 Lion's cry
35 Misfortunes
36 Correct a text
38 Warn
40 Email provider
43 Mall event
- 45 Pieces of corn
48 Natural ability
50 Aviator Earhart
51 "Beat it!"
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photographers on the red carpet to conducting interviews with reporters to having an interview interrupted by Rocky's pal so he could take a camera phone picture.

If not for nightlife entrepreneur Billy Dec pointing the busy Lochte toward me, I'm not sure I would have had a chance to speak with him.

"It was like this every once in a while before the Olympics," Lochte told me. "But it's almost every day now."

Lochte was the star of a party Tuesday that included performances by Rocky, Grammy winner Erykah Badu and Mayer Hawthorne. Fellow gold medal-winning swimmer Conor Dwyer grew up in Winnetka, but even he took a back seat to Lochte.

Both swimmers were treated like stars, however, during their dinner with Dec at his restaurant, Sunda, earlier that night. They were served the Gold Sushi Roll in honor of their medals,

which they weren't wearing. Following dinner they headed to nearby Dragon Ranch, another of Dec's establishments, for moonshine shots. Later that night, Lochte partied at the exclusive Board Room for the second time in five days.

"It's definitely a lot easier now," Lochte said when asked about getting into clubs since the Olympics ended.

Besides his now-famous race with Prince Harry in a Las Vegas pool, Lochte has made a cameo on The CW's "90210" and been linked to ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" and "The Bachelor."

Why does Lochte believe his fame has transcended the sport of swimming?

"I'm real," Lochte said. "I won't hold anything back. What you see is what you get. And I think that's why I can interact with my fan base so much easier than other people can."

Lochte claimed his fanbase is the best part about the post-Olympics ride. The 28-year-old New York native has more than 1 million Twitter followers.

"I'm where I'm at because of my fans," Lochte said. "My ultimate goal is to make swimming bigger. The only way to do that is to show my personality out there—if I come out of my box. And that's what I'm doing. That's why I'm doing the 'Tonight Show,' all these appearances. I want to make the sport bigger than it is."

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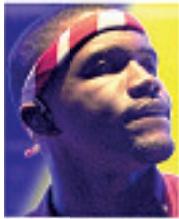
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HOT DATE
Sept. 15

That's when Seth MacFarlane will host the season premiere of "Saturday Night Live," and Frank Ocean (left) will be the musical guest, [thr.com](#) reports.

Son of a ...

What's this? More '80s nostalgia? Eddie Murphy and producer Shawn Ryan ("The Shield") are working on a TV reboot of the comedian's hit movie "Beverly Hills Cop," according to Vulture. The show would be about the son of Murphy's character, Axel Foley. We hope he inherits his dad's laugh.

Pregnant and ... ?

What has Adele been up to since she announced in June that she's pregnant? We might know. Life & Style has published pics of Adele sporting a gold band on her ring finger—as well as a mighty baby bump. Let her ex chew on that for a little while.



LiLo watch

Lindsay Lohan (left) is off the hook on allegations she was involved in a theft from an L.A. home. Prosecutors on Tuesday declined to press charges, citing insufficient evidence. [latimes.com](#) reports. Meanwhile, [tmz.com](#) obtained a letter it says is from Chateau Marmont hotel alleging Lohan still owes almost \$50,000 in back charges. It never ends ...



THE DIGIT

90 That's how many new Charlie Sheen-tastic episodes of "Anger Management" have been ordered by FX, [wsj.com](#) reports.

Hey girl, wanna star in Ryan Gosling's new movie? The real sexiest man alive will make his debut as a writer and director with "How to Catch a Monster," which [thr.com](#) describes as a "fantasy noir" film. "Mad Men's" Christina Hendricks is on board to star, the site reports.

GOSLING'S FANTASY

Ryan Gosling
and Christina
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